Essex County Educational Services Commission is thriving under her leadership. I know my fellow House Members join me in wishing Dr. Young continued success in her career with the Essex County Educational Services Commission. To have a building named after her is a well deserved honor and a fitting tribute to Dr. Jacqueline A. Young, Educator Extraordinaire.

HONORING PRESTON A. ENGLERT AFTER 25 YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE NATIONAL KIDNEY FOUNDA-TION OF THE NATIONAL CAP-ITAL AREA

HON. TOM DAVIS

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 15, 2006

Mr. TOM DAVIS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Preston A. Englert for twenty-five years of service to the National Kidney Foundation of the National Capital Area.

Mr. Englert, President and CEO of the National Kidney Foundation of the National Capital Area, has served at the Foundation since 1981

Mr. Englert graduated from Louisiana State University in 1970 and attended graduate school at the University of Tulsa and George Washington University. A native of Memphis, Tennessee, Mr. Englert served as the Executive Director of the American Heart Association branches in Tulsa, Oklahoma and Atlanta, Georgia before joining the National Kidney Foundation in 1981. In July of 1986, Mr. Englert became the Vice President of the Foundation and he was named President and Chief Executive Officer in 1999.

The National Kidney Foundation has grown substantially under Mr. Englert's leadership. He is responsible for outreach programs, increased funding, early detection screenings and the expansion of both patient services and public awareness. Mr. Englert is extremely invested in the community, indicated by the numerous accolades he has accumulated over the years. He was named the Active Member of the Year by the Greater Washington Society of Association Executives in 1989. Mr. Englert's passion for helping humanity transcends the boundaries of this community, as he received the "Partnership Award" in 2005 from the National Kidney in 2005 from the National Kidney Foundation, Inc. for work with dialysis patients displaced or affected by hurricane Katrina.

Mr. Englert is a shining example of one man's ability to affect change. His creativity and innovation has turned the National Kidney Foundation into one of the most successful affiliations nationwide. He has dedicated his life to giving a voice to kidney disease patients around the country and he has made a lasting impact over the past twenty-five years. I look forward to Mr. Englert's continued service in the years to come.

I ask my colleagues to join me in applauding Preston A. Englert and congratulating him on this distinguished achievement.

TRIBUTE TO MR. JOEL M. CARP ON HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE JEWISH FEDERATION OF METRO-POLITAN CHICAGO

HON. JUDY BIGGERT

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 15, 2006

Mrs. BIGGERT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to salute Joel M. Carp on the occasion of his retirement from the Jewish Federation of Chicago. For more than 30 years, Joel has devoted his life and considerable talents to helping the disadvantaged in our community and across the country.

As the Senior Vice President for Community Services and Governmental Relations of the Federation, Joel was the voice of the Federation, both in the community and in the halls of the capitals in Springfield and Washington, D.C. Many were the times that he was a source of guidance and advice for me and my colleagues there, and for that I am grateful.

Joel's contributions to the social service network in Chicago have been enormous. His work with the poor, the sick and the homeless ensured that countless members of our community had access to health and human services in their hour of need.

As a public policy advocate and a writer, Joel has helped to steer local, State, and Federal Governments toward greater social responsibility. He has served on numerous task forces to address the needs of both the homeless and underprivileged children. In addition, he has supervised the Illinois State refugee and immigrant programs. Finally, through his writing and teaching, he has advanced the study and practice of social work.

Mr. Speaker, Joel Carp is truly an outstanding individual whose lifetime of work will continue to benefit communities throughout the Chicago area for generations to come. So, once again, I thank Joel Carp for his service, his humor and his humanity, and I congratulate him on a well-earned retirement.

A TRIBUTE TO KUM-OK KIM

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES Thursday, June~15,~2006

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Kum-Ok Kim, a distinguished member of the Brooklyn, NY business and civic communities. It behooves us to pay tribute to this outstanding leader and I hope my colleagues will join me in recognizing his impressive accomplishments.

Mr. Kum-Ok Kim was born in Bo-Ryong City, ChungChung Province, Korea. He came to the United States in1981, and started a fruits and vegetables business at Nostrand Avenue in Brooklyn in 1989. Mr. Kim, a Korean-American citizen, was ordained in 1996.

A member of several community organizations, Mr. Kim held many leadership positions such as: chairman of the board of the ChungChung Province Association of Eastern U.S.A. in 1997; vice president of the Korean Sports Association of New York; chairman of the Supporting Committee for Governor George E. Pataki, and director of the Korean-

American Youth Foundation from 1995 to 2005.

Mr. Kim served 4 years, two terms, as president of the Korean-American Brooklyn Association, New York, Inc., a not for profit (501c3) community-based organization, which was first established in April 1984, in order to reflect its wider civic role in providing outreach services to families and individuals. As president of the Korean-American Brooklyn Association, New York, Inc., Mr. Kim has been instrumental in assisting not only within the Korean community of Brooklyn, but other communities at large to contribute to the further developing relationships of an enlightened, healthy Korean-American community and culture, and to promote better understanding, friendship and cooperation with other ethnic groups in the greater New York area.

Mr. Kim planned and organized a free citizenship assistance and basic English program for Korean-American Brooklyn residents, developed an assistance program for the Korean-American Teacher Association, created seminars for small business owners that were sponsored by the New York State Attorney General, and developed a relief fund for flood victims in Korea. Every year on Thanksgiving day, under the supervision of the Brooklyn Borough President, Mr. Kim, along with several religious organizations and at least 28 community groups, participates in feeding the homeless at a help center and in the Brooklyn Toy Drive for Brooklyn Borough President's children's Christmas party.

Mr. Kim has been the recipient of numerous awards for his contributions to his community including citations from the Brooklyn Borough President and a State Senator Commemoration Award, and the Korean-American Community Service Awards.

Mr. Kim is a dedicated, loving husband and father. He resides with his wife Monica, sons Daniel and Joseph and daughters Tailer and Do-Kyung.

Mr. Speaker, I believe that it is incumbent on this body to recognize the accomplishments of Kum-Ok Kim as he offers his talents and philanthropic services for the betterment of our community.

Mr. Speaker, Kum-Ok Kim's selfless service has continuously demonstrated a level of altruistic dedication that makes him most worthy of our recognition today.

IN HONOR OF LT. PATRICK K. DOWDELL

HON. ANTHONY D. WEINER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES $Thursday, June\ 15,\ 2006$

Mr. WEINER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Patrick K. Dowdell, upon his graduation from West Point as a second lieutenant.

Patrick K. Dowdell is a resident of Breezy Point, Queens, who has been a volunteer with the Point Breeze Volunteer Fire Department, Habitat for Humanity and Meals on Wheels. Along with his father Kevin Dowdell, a lieutenant at Rescue Company 4 of the New York City Fire Department, Patrick contacted my office in 2000 to request a nomination to West Point's Class of 2005. Despite my nomination, and a valiant effort by Lt. Kevin Dowdell to